

## STUBBORN BATTLE IS WITHOUT RESULT

German Efforts to Break Russian Resistance Seems to Have Met Check.

## SIEGE WAR CONTINUES

Report of Zeppelins Over England for a Second Raid Said to Be Untrue.

London, Jan. 22.—Except in Alsace, where a stubborn battle has been in progress for several days, but which receives brief mention in the official reports, the fighting has been comparatively light on both eastern and western fronts. There have been heavy gun bombardments and a fight for a trench here and there, but no battle considered worthy of extended mention in this titanic war.

Siege warfare continues, and according to the opinion of the military experts, it will go on until the ground hardens sufficiently to enable one of the commanders to move a large body of men with a speed that will permit him to surprise his opponent and enable him to find a weak spot in the line.

London, Jan. 23.—Inquiry in official quarters here has failed to elicit any further news concerning the reported passage over Cromer of Zeppelin airships last night. The belief is beginning to prevail here that the noise heard at Cromer might have come from aeroplanes or seaplanes and not airships.

Francis Bushman at Princess Monday.

Monday will be big Monday at the Princess and a selected program of 5 reels will be the attraction.

Essanay presents, "Francis X. Bushman," "Beverly Bayne," "Bryant Washburn," and "Helen Dunbar," in a 2 reel Society drama, "Any Woman's Choice." A strong dramatic production, that will hold your undivided attention to the last.

Vitagraph presents, "Leah Baird," "Leo Delaney" and "Julia Swayne Gordon," in society comedy drama, "An Affair For the Police," an unusual story, that has been produced with elaborate settings for which the "Vitagraph" is noted. And the cast is composed of stars of recognized ability.

Also on the same program a Laughable one reel comedy. Admission 5 and 10c.

As a special extraordinary attraction for Tuesday, The World Film Corporation, presents the most popular star of the Photoplay, "Clara Kimball Young," and big Broadway cast in the famous Lieber success.

"The Deep Purple," a powerful dramatic feature in 5 reels. A dramatic musical program, in keeping with the production, will be rendered by the "Princes Orchestra."

The admission for Tuesday only will be children 5c and adults 15c, and we feel sure that our patrons will be entirely satisfied for the extra nickel charged them.

Note:—Don't forget "Run-away June" Wednesday.

Ask Mr. Foster.

Primary Grades Crowded.

The following statement was made yesterday by Prof. W. V. Frieson, superintendent of the local public schools: "Owing to the crowded condition of the primary grade in the public schools, the trustees have decided that it will be inadvisable to admit other pupils to that grade for the rest of the year."

## Teachers Meeting Postponed.

On account of the inclement weather yesterday, the meeting of the Lawrence County Teachers' Association, which was to have been held at Mt. Vernon, was postponed.

State Superintendent of Education W. H. Smith, of Jackson, who was to have made an address at the meeting, arrived in the city Friday evening, and while here was a guest of Prof. W. V. Frieson, superintendent of the local schools.

Postponement of the monthly session yesterday was a disappointment to many, as a very interesting program had been arranged.

## COTTON SWINDLE COVERING SOUTH CHARGED TO TEXAN

Operated Through Agents in Memphis and Other Southern Cities.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 21.—Charged by Memphis federal authorities with having fleeced cotton exporters in the South out of a total over a million dollars, and also with having secured several thousand dollars fraudulently from Memphis exporters through an "imaginative" cotton buying firm in England and a veritable "get rich quick Wallingford" scheme, James Hause, a tall, good-looking, excellently groomed Texan, is under arrest in Montgomery, Ala.

Memphis authorities say he operated here last summer as a "Special representative of the British American Cotton Company, Manchester, England."

Government operatives say, that from information they have already obtained Hause was identified with the most sweeping and successful fraudulent scheme that has come to their attention in years.

## Going After Business.

Mr. W. N. Holesapple, manager for the local office of the D. S. Pate Lumber Company expects to attend the Convention of Hardwood Manufacturers to be held in Cincinnati, the coming week. Before returning to the city he expects to visit Louisville and Memphis. "I am going after business and will get it," said Mr. Holesapple yesterday.

## CROWDED THEATRE GREETED CHARMING COMEDY DRAMA

"Peg o' My Heart" Was Presented at the Columbus Theatre Last Night.

The excellent company playing "Peg o' My Heart," at the Columbus Theatre last night, was greeted by a crowded house, hardly standing room being available. This did not fail to express the hearty approval and praise so well deserved by each of the cast.

The pretty little story, with its heartaches and its humor, demanded much from the players, particularly Miss Rea Martin, who, in her presentation of the lively little "Peg," was charming, and from her first appearance with her luggage and her beloved dog, "Michael," to her closing observation, "Oh, there's nothing half so sweet in life as Love's young dream," she captivated and held the attention and admiration of the entire house.

The story deals with Peg, the daughter of an improvident, out-lovable Irishman and an aristocratic English woman, of whom her relatives turned their backs when she set out for America with the husband of her choice. By the will of one of Peg's uncles who repented on his death bed his unkindness toward his sister, the little Irish-American maiden is brought to England to be prop-

## BUSINESS MEN TO HOLD A MEETING

Local Citizens Making Effort to Better Conditions

## TAYLOR TO MAKE ADDRESS

Man of Much Experience Will Make Talk at Meeting Monday Night.

Every business man in Columbus, who is really interested in better times and in a sensible effort to secure better business conditions, is invited to attend a business men's meeting at the Chamber of Commerce Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

The meeting will be addressed by Dr. W. E. Taylor, a man of expert training and broad experience, who is traveling through the south at the expense of the John Deere Plow Co. He has recently addressed the business men of Atlanta, Jacksonville, Montgomery, etc. Everywhere he has been enthusiastically received.

In Atlanta he was met by 200 of the representative citizens, to whom he talked for one hour because they kept him at it.

He is a pleasing talker and knows what he is talking about. Come out to hear him. It costs you nothing and will do you good.

Dr. Taylor will address our farmers at 11 o'clock Tuesday, Jan. 26th, at the Chamber of Commerce.

## THOUSANDS OF PECAN TREES PLANTED FRIDAY

Local Schools Will Observe Interesting Event the Coming Week.

It is estimated that between 6,000 and 7,000 pecan trees were planted in the school yards over the state Friday, the occasion being "Arbor Day." A proclamation was issued by Governor Brewer last November designating January 22 as the time for planting the trees.

On account of the first term examinations being held in the local schools Friday, it was decided by Superintendent W. V. Frieson, Jr., to have the event postponed here for one week, and on next Friday pecan trees will be planted on both the Franklin Academy and Barrow Memorial school grounds. A special program will be arranged for the occasion.

erly reared at the expense of his estates. Peg is received with the family of an aunt, not from love, but for the sake of the money that her care and instruction brings. Her treatment is hardly that of a favored relative and she finds little to make her life pleasant except the friendship of one Jerry, a friend of the family, her experience setting forth vividly the contrast between her rather uncouth manners and the stilled and conventional ways of this English household.

The play is in three acts, the entire action taking place in the livingroom of Regal Villa, in Scarborough, England.

In the rather difficult but very winning role of Peg, Miss Martin displayed more than surface charm and her presentation of the whimsical, yet lovable character of Peg, places her in the foremost ranks of American actresses.

Miss Lois Wilberger of Clarksdale, is pleasantly domiciled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Harris, on South Twelfth street.

## LYCEUM COURSES FOR THE COUNTY

Will Be Feature of Extension Work at Industrial Institute and College.

## WILL START FEBRUARY 1

Courses to Be Offered Simultaneously at Five Different Schools.

One of the features of the extension work at the Industrial Institute and College this session will be lyceum courses offered simultaneously at each of five centers, Mount Vernon, Rural Hill, Steens, Woodlawn and Caledonia. The courses, beginning on February 12, will consist of five numbers, to be given on Friday nights, with an interval of two between the numbers. No admission will be charged for these courses.

The programs are as follows:

RURAL HILL.  
February 12—Prof. Painter: An Evening of Dialect.  
February 26—Miss Crawford: Singing the Old Songs.  
March 12—Prof. Lipscomb: A Progressive Country Community.  
March 26—Miss Barringer: Practical Points in Home Furnishings. (Illustrated.)  
April 9—Concert.

MOUNT VERNON.  
February 12—Concert.  
February 26—Miss Pennell: Some Famous Pictures. (Illustrated.)  
March 12—Prof. McBeath: The One Thing Needful.  
March 26—Prof. McGowan: Co-operative Farming in Mississippi.

April 9—President Whitfield: Economic Problems in Mississippi and Their Solution.  
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February 12—President Whitfield: Economic Problems in Mississippi and Their Solution.  
February 26—Miss Timberlake: Movements for Rural Uplift in Mississippi.

March 12—Concert.  
March 26—Prof. Lipscomb: Caledonia.  
April 9—Prof. Painter: An Evening of Dialect.

STEENS.  
February 12—Prof. McLenan: Co-operative Farming in Mississippi.  
February 26—Concert.  
March 12—Miss Gunter: How Home Economics Can Better Rural Conditions.  
March 26—Prof. Brooks: Co-operative Marketing in Mississippi.

April 9—Prof. McBeath: The One Thing Needful.  
WOODLAWN.  
February 12—Prof. Lipscomb: Children's Rights.

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## ONE WEEK REMAINS IN WHICH TO PAY TAXES

Citizens Who expect to Vote Should Attend to Matter at Once.

There remain only a few days more in which for taxes to be paid, as the time limit expires on February 1.

There will be many citizens wishing that they had looked after the payment of their poll tax at the county election next fall, if a large number of them fail to visit the sheriff's office the coming week.

Pay your taxes.

## PEEBLES MEETS ACCIDENTAL DEATH

Former Columbian Shoots Self at His Home in Vienna.

## WAS WELL KNOWN HERE

Was Killed While Out Shooting Hogs on His Plantation.

News was received here Friday evening announcing the accidental death of Mr. W. B. Peebles, a former Columbian, who for a number of years has been residing in Vienna, Ala., a small town located southeast of this city.

Mr. Peebles was out shooting hogs on his place, Friday afternoon, and his gun was accidentally discharged, killing him almost immediately.

Mr. Peebles was about sixty years of age, and was a wealthy merchant and planter. For a number of years he was a resident of this city. He is survived by three sons, Messrs. Battle, E. B. and Darrah, all of whom have the sympathy of many friends in this sad hour.

Funeral services will be held this morning at 11 o'clock and interment will take place at Vienna.

Mrs. D. P. Perkin's friends are glad to know that she is improving after a fortnight's illness.

## BOAT ARRIVES BRINGING COTTONSEED AND COTTON

"Swan" Returned Yesterday to Points Down the Tombigbee River.

The "Swan," a boat in charge of Capt. J. E. Baker, of Mobile, arrived in the city about 9 o'clock Friday night bringing seventy tons of cotton seed to the Refuge Cotton Oil Company from Pickensville, Ala., and several bales of cotton. The "Swan" left about 9 o'clock yesterday evening for points down the Tombigbee carrying a large shipment of freight from local stores.

The "Charles May," which was to have arrived Wednesday, is expected to reach the city the coming week.

We do your work and then collect. The Sanitary Laundry. Phone 630.

## Quin Begins Campaign.

Gulfport, Miss., Jan. 21.—Hillary M. Quin, speaker of the House of Representatives, tonight launched here his campaign for governor. He delivered a straightforward speech, setting forth that he will wage a campaign not in former politician connections of candidates, but on principles and positions regarding present vital problems in the state.

Mississippi ought to have a clean business administration, said Mr. Quin.

The Philathea class of the First Methodist church gave its initial social in their room at the church Thursday evening. All arrangements were made by the social committee for that month of which committee Mrs. Lawrence was chairman. A program of music was furnished by Miss McBeath, Miss Wright and Mrs. Martin; Readings by Miss Hester and Miss Lacy. Delicious refreshments were served. The class is indebted to this committee for such an enjoyable evening.

## Gladney-Collier.

The many friends of Mr. Myron Crump Gladney, of Artesia, were interested in hearing of his marriage last Wednesday to Miss Kate Estelle Collier, of Tuscaloosa.

The bride is a very pretty and attractive young lady and is very popular. The groom is well known in Columbus, holding a position as engineer on the Mobile and Ohio R. R. The Commercial joins the many friends of this happy couple in wishing for them a long and happy married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladney are enjoying a bridal trip on the southern coast, and will be at home to their friends in Artesia after February 1.

## BABB'S STORE IS BOUGHT

BY WEST POINT CITIZEN

Popular Five and Ten Cent Business Here Changed Hands the Past Week.

The Babb Five and Ten Cent Store, which for several years has been owned by Mr. G. W. Babb, in this city, was sold the past week to Mr. R. C. Davis, a prominent citizen of West Point, and a man of much experience in this line of business. Mr. Davis owns the Five, Ten and Twenty-five Cent Store in West Point, and will operate his business here in connection with his place in that city. The store here is to be managed by Mr. R. M. Young, who has been employed by Mr. Davis for several years.

Mr. Babb has issued the following card to the public: "I wish to thank the citizens of this and surrounding territory for the liberal patronage given to me during the time I have been in business in Columbus, and assure you that same has been appreciated. I hope that you will continue to do much business in the future with my successor, Mr. Davis."

## Four Killed By Explosion.

San Francisco, Jan. 22.—Four members of the crew of the United States cruiser San Diego are known to have been killed by a boiler explosion while the vessel was off La Paz, Mex., according to advices received this morning by the government wireless station here. Nine were seriously wounded.

## SNOW FALL COVERING ENTIRE WEST IS HEAVY

Much Colder Weather is Reported to Follow Storms Now Raging Over Country.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Snow fell today over the eastern lake region and the Ohio Valley. The average depth was from six to eight inches from the Mississippi river as far east as Pennsylvania. The United States weather bureau reported tonight that the storm was passing eastward and that clear weather with a falling temperature had been reported in the western states.

## Dacia Sails for Rotterdam.

Galveston, Tex., Jan. 23.—The steamer Dacia, recently transferred from German to American registry and which the British government has announced would be considered a fair prize of war, sailed today for Rotterdam, via Norfolk, with a cargo of 11,000 bales of cotton. The vessel's hatches were sealed yesterday by the collector of the port and clearance papers issued.

Little Miss Mary Bell O'Connor, of Montgomery, is the guest of Miss Hawley Senter Knox for the week-end.

## SENIORS PRESENT A SPARKLING PLAY

French Comedy is Given by Students at the I. I. and C.

## GIRLS ALL WELL COACHED

Miss Loula Jones and Miss Gussie Evans in the Title Roles.

The dramatic ability of the young women at the Industrial Institute and College was again demonstrated on Friday evening when the senior class presented "Fanny and the Servant Problem" a play by Jerome K. Jerome, the well known author. The play was well chosen, as it is not beyond the artistic ability of amateurs, and lends itself well to the limitations of staging, which must always be considered in choosing a play for production at the college.

Jerome K. Jerome has done no more pleasing work than this play; bright and sparkling as the best of French comedy, and with a touch of seriousness all its own.

Miss Loula Jones, in the title role, was extremely effective. If the part had been created for her, it could scarcely have been better suited to her type and temperament, and she played it from beginning to end with a dash and spirit, which captivated the audience.

Miss Gussie Evans took the part of Lord Bantock with restrained dignity and charm. In personal appearance, as well as in the character of a boyish English nobleman was remarkably well sustained.

Miss Willie V. Walker, Miss Helen Brown, Miss Anna Baker and Miss Lois Wilson are worthy of special commendation for their skillful presentations of minor parts, while the Bennett family, from the butler to the second footman were played with much discrimination by Miss Carrie Jackson, Miss Mattie K. Moore, Miss Nema Weathersby, Miss B. Powell and Miss Lena Jamison.

Due note should be given also to the charming chorus girls, Misses H. Rice, K. C. Miller, L. Marshall, L. Fuller, I. L. Pyle, A. Bridges, M. Lester, E. Mosher and M. Franklin.

The managing committee met the difficulties of the situation and produced a stage adequately and appropriately furnished, and costumes complete to the last detail.

Much credit is due Miss Mary Savage, who as coach has been untiring in her efforts to make the play a success. On the whole the play displayed little of the exaggeration and self-consciousness which mar amateur performances, and was a creditable and highly enjoyable occasion.

Because of the infrequency of the visits of professional talent of the first rank, the people of Columbus doubly appreciate the opportunity furnished by the college girls to see some of the best of modern plays so skillfully presented and at such moderate cost.

## Special Service This Evening.

A special evangelistic service will be held at the First Presbyterian church this evening at 7:15 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Dr. R. B. Eggleston. Mr. Eggleston's subject will be "Get Right With God." A large chorus choir will furnish the music and familiar evangelistic hymns will be sung. Another attractive feature of the evening services will be a solo by Miss Lydia Gallaher, an accomplished soloist of Chicago.

Regular services will be held at 11 o'clock this morning.